

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A transport device (1) for transporting goods, ~~preferably or~~
goods on pallets or the like, along a transport path ~~with at least~~, the device comprising:

two lateral, driven peripheral traction elements (2), ~~especially transport chains,~~
~~characterized in that~~, and

5 support elements (3), by which the goods or the good on a pallet are supported, ~~are~~
each of said support elements being fixed, preferably in an articulated, manner to the a
peripheral traction element (2).

2. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized~~
~~in that~~ wherein the support elements (3) are arranged at closely spaced locations next to one
another in a row along the traction element and ~~they~~ essentially cover the peripheral traction
element (2).

3. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with claim 1 ~~or 2~~,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein each said peripheral traction element (2) has said support elements
(3) of its own.

4. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 1
~~through 4~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support elements (3) have an identical and
one-piece design and have a flat upper side (4).

5. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 1 through 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support elements (3) have exclusively a carrying function and the traction elements (2) have exclusively a traction function.

6. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support elements (3) have at least one ~~said~~ lower sliding surface (5) and slide on a stationary rail (6), ~~especially a~~ stainless steel rail, being supported by same.

7. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the rail (6) has a longitudinal guiding function for the support elements (3) or the traction elements (2).

8. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 1 through 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the support elements are plastic parts; comprising especially moldings, which are preferably provided with a self-lubricating effect, good slidability, good compressive strength and/or good impact resistance.

9. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 4 through 8, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein an upper side (4) of the support elements (3) has a slight upward arch in the direction of transportation (~~F~~).

10. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 4 through 9, characterized in that wherein the upper side (4) of the support elements (3) has a flat depression (7) in the direction of transportation (F) in the area of the traction element (2).

11. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 1 through 10, characterized in that wherein the support elements (3) have an essentially inverted U-shaped cross section.

12. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 1 through 10, characterized in that wherein the support elements (3) have an essentially double T-shaped cross section, and said integrated upper support surfaces (8) are also provided laterally from the traction element (2) for the goods or the pallet.

13. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 1 through 12, characterized in that wherein the support elements (3) have an at least two-layer design and have an upper elastic layer, which acts as a flexible, skid-resistant, flat support pad.

14. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the~~ claims 1 through 13, characterized in that wherein each said support element (3) is fixed to the traction element (2), especially in the form of a transport chain, via ~~at least one and preferably two said~~ studs (9) at right angles to the direction of transportation (F).

15. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of~~ claim 1, wherein
the ~~claims 1 through 14, characterized in that it is designed as~~ transport device forms a
longitudinal transporter and/or ~~as~~ a transverse transporter.

16. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with claim 15, ~~characterized~~
~~in that~~ wherein the longitudinal transporter has an additional middle support, ~~especially an~~
~~additional middle transport strand in the manner~~ forming one of the lateral traction elements (2)
and the support elements (3), or an additional roller or sliding strip in the middle.

17. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the claims 1~~
~~through 16, characterized in that~~ wherein the support elements (3) are fixed to the traction
element (2) in an easily detachable manner and can be replaced.

18. (Currently Amended) A transport device in accordance with ~~one of the claims 1~~
~~through 17, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the support elements have at least one lower
sliding surface sliding on a rails and the traction elements (2) and/or ~~said~~ the rails (6) have a
lateral wall cover (12).

19. (New) A transport device comprising:

a first transport chain;

a second transport chain laterally spaced from said first transport chain, said first

transport chain and said second transport chain being driven to each providing a peripheral
5 transport path;

a first support element with a good or pallet supporting surface, said first support
element being articulated to said first transport chain; and

a second support element with a second support element good or pallet supporting
surface, said second support element being articulated to said second transport chain.

20. (New) A transport device according to claim 19, further comprising:

a first rail for guiding said first transport chain;

a second rail for guiding said second transport chain, said first rail and said second rail
extending substantially parallel to define the transport path; and

5 a drive, wherein said first transport chain has a plurality of said first support elements
connected thereto and said second transport chain has a plurality of said second support
elements connected thereto.